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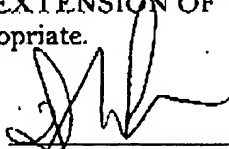
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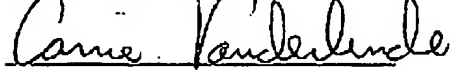
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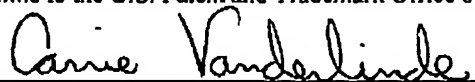
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.